The New
GRANT HOUSE
Rush City, Minn.
Heated by Steam!
and filled with all the modern
Improvements

A. M. Challeen
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H. R. Grant
MANAGER

From "Looking Back Over 100 years in Northern Chisago County"
by Carl H. Sommer, 1958:

"The original Grant House erected in 1880 was called 'the finest hostelry on the St. Paul and Duluth road'. It was completely destroyed by fire in 1895.... the present brick structure being constructed a year later. The owner, R. H. Grant, was a second cousin to the illustrious Civil War general, and later United States President, Ulysses S. Grant.

In the early days the traveling men made the Grant House their headquarters, driving to the inland towns with livery rigs and making the neighboring towns by train. The hotel had a sample room where the traveling men would display their wares and merchants could pick their wants.

Mr. Challeen's two sons, William and George, were very handy with the gloves as youngsters and would put on a boxing exhibition for the traveling men in the evening. The hotel always enjoyed a reputation for good, clean beds and good food....".

Editorial Note: One of the boys above who boxed was most likely Arthur rather than William who would have been too young at that time.